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SUBJ: ITALIAN TRAVEL AGENTS' FAMILIARIZATION TOURS OF U.S.

- 1. EMBASSY AND VISIT USA COMMITTEE APPRECIATE COOPERATION DEMONSTRATED BY MR. LOTITO DURING HIS VISIT MARCH 31, SPECIFICALLY VIS-A-VIS THE TWO GROUPS OF ITALIAN TRAVEL AGENTS TRAVELING TO U.S. UNDER COMMITTEE SPONSORSHIP DURING APRIL. WE BELIEVE A COURTESY APPEARANCE AND/OR REPRESENTATIONAL OFFERING BY A HIGH LEVEL USDOC OFFICIAL WOULD REINFORCE SIGNIFICANTLY OUR EFFORTS TO EDUCATE THE ITALIAN TRAVEL TRADE ON THE ATTRACTIONS OF TRAVEL TO OUR COUNTRY. IT WOULD ALSO UNDERSCORE THE CONTINUING USG INTEREST IN FOSTERING PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE U.S./ITALIAN CONTACTS. (NOTE: EACH TOUR IS COMPOSED OF TEN TRAVEL AGENTS, A TRADE JOURNALIST AND AN AIRLINE ESCORT: ONE OF THE TWO WILL ALSO BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN EMBASSY OFFICER.)
- 2. LOGICAL POINT FOR WELCOME BY USDOC OFFICIAL IS INITIAL STOP IN NEW YORK. PERTINENT PARTS OF ITINERARIES FOLLOW: TWA TOUR: APRIL 13: DEPART ROME TWA 841, ARRIVE NY 16:15; HOTEL: ST. MORITZ; 4/15: DEPART NY TWA 7. CONTACTS: AURELIO RAIMOND, UNCLASSIFIED

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TWA, AND MICHALE SKOL, COMMERCIAL ATTACHE, EMBASSY ROME.

3. PAN AM/UNITED TOUR: APRIL 23: DEPART ROME PAA 111, ARRIVE NY 16:00; HOTEL: AMERICANA; 4/25: DEPART NY UA 5. CONTACT: THOMAS GAMBINO, UNITED AIRLINES.HOLMES

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